**How to Become a Referee**

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON**
The Aurora Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) is committed to providing qualified and engaged officials for each game in Aurora. By establishing a formal hiring process, the officiating leadership group can identify qualified and committed officiating prospects that are passionate and dedicated. The officiating program seeks individuals who are excellent skaters and have a strong desire to officiate at a high level. Due to the large number of applications and current staffing levels, there are limited spots on staff available.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Individuals interested in applying to become an AMHA official for the 2025-26 season must:

1. Complete and submit the application, which can be found here
2. Be available for an interview between June 7th and June 18th
3. Ensure the applicant is the only point of contact throughout the application process (parents/guardians are not to be the source of communication)
4. Commit to all requirements to be an active official for the upcoming season (Vulnerable Screening Process, attend OMHA clinic, have all required officiating equipment, etc.)

**INTERVIEW PROCESS**

What you can expect during the interview:

* Overview of being an official with the AMHA
* Icebreaker discussion
* Answering a question around the motivation to become an official
* Answer other interview questions to determine suitability as an officiating candidate
* Identify any previous hockey and/or officiating experience
* Opportunity to ask questions to the officiating leadership
* A highly competitive process with multiple applicants for a limited number of opportunities

**CONCLUSION**

Each application to become an AMHA official is greatly appreciated. Officiating hockey is an excellent opportunity to be involved in hockey and the requirements to join an officiating staff are high. Majority of hockey for newer officials is played on weekends, so availability is a critical component of being an official. There is a required investment in proper equipment and attire (helmet, visor, jersey, pants, skates, whistle, etc.). New hires must attend any development sessions deemed mandatory by the AMHA Referee-In-Chief or Officiating Coach throughout the season. For context, the 2024-25 season saw 3 development sessions with one per month in November, December, and January.

Please note the following:

* ***NOTE 1\**** *ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE ON-LINE ONLINE APPLICATION BEFORE JUNE 1, 2025****NOTE 2\*****THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTE OR ALTERNATE DATES FOR INTERVIEWS*
* ***NOTE 3\*****IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A REFEREE POSITION, APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF AGE BY DECEMBER 31st, 2025****NOTE 4\*****SINCE MAJORITY OF THE OFFICIATING STAFF RETURNS EACH SAEASON THERE WILL BE A LIMITED NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE; THE INTERVIEW PROCESS IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE*
* ***NOTE 5\**** *DO NOT BOOK A HOCKEY CANADA CLINIC UNTIL AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE TRYOUT PROCESS AND YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED ON STAFF*
* ***NOTE 6\**** *ALL OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE REGUALR ACCESS TO A COMPUTER/LAPTOP AND CELL PHONE*

 **IMPORTANT: All communications must be sent directly from the APPLICANT. Any submissions from any party other than the applicant will not be considered or actioned.**